

SENATE RESOLUTION 83

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Erika LaTonya Collins,  
2003 Valedictorian of Northeast High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Erika LaTonya Collins is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Northeast High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Collins has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Erika has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young woman, Erika is a member and officer in many clubs and organizations, including the Corporate Student Government, the

Beta Club, the National Honor Society, Youth Leadership Clarksville, the Math Team, Woodmen of the World, and the cross-country and dance teams; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Erika has garnered many throughout her high school career; she was a Volunteer Girls State delegate, earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the County Science Fair for Social Sciences, received the Tennessee Honors Program Award, is in the Altrusa Academic Hall of Fame, and has been recognized with numerous academic subject awards; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual young woman, Erika is an active member of the One Heart Baptist Church and volunteers through several community service and volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Arthur and Myong Collins, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Erika's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Northeast High School Valedictorian, Erika LaTonya Collins, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.